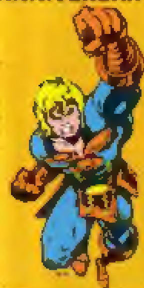
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HE THOUGHT TO COME TO THE MOUNTAINS OF GREECE TO FIND THE ETERNALS AND HELP THEM IN THEIR WAR AGAINST THE DEVIANTS.

HE'S FOUND THEM.

NOW HE WONDERS IF MAYBE SUICIDE WASN'T A BETTER IDEA.

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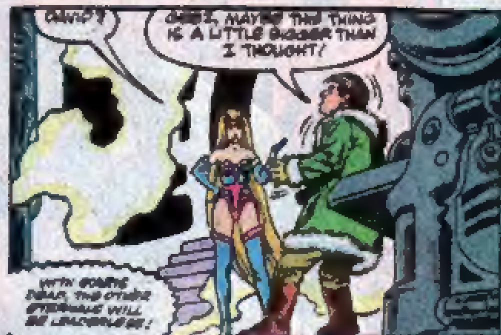
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HOW DO I...UH... AREN'T YOU A LITTLE CHILLY IN THAT OUTFIT?
ETERNALS DO NOT FEEL THE COLD AS ORDINARY MORTALS, DAVID...
...AND OUR REFUGE IS WARM ENOUGH FOR ANYONE.
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

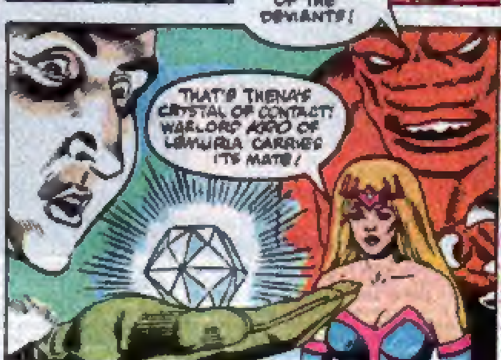

THIS IS KARKAS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS BORN A DEVIANT, HE HAS THE SOUL OF AN ETERNAL.
AND YOU, FRIEND?


I...UH... I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT I'M ONE OF SERSI'S PETS.
SHE'S SPOKEN OF YOU BUT SHE DIDN'T SAY IT THAT WAY.
WELL, I'M REALLY LOOKING FOR IKARIS AND THE REST.
I HEAR THEY'RE FIGHTING A WAR AND I WANT TO JOIN UP.


IKARIS AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE DEVIANTS' HOMELAND OF LEMURIA.
IN THIS VERY ROOM IKARIS TOOK THE POWER FROM THENA AND BECAME THE PRIME ETERNAL.
HOLY--
NOW HE AND THE REST -- INCLUDING THE FORGOTTEN ONE -- WALK THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF TOADS TO SPY OUT THE DEVIANTS' PURPOSE AND FOIL IT.


DAVID?
GEEZ, MAYBE THIS THING IS A LITTLE BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT!
WITH IKARIS DEAD, THE OTHER ETERNALS WILL BE LEADERLESS!


I BEG YOUR PARDON!
I KNOW THAT VOICE! IT'S GHAUR, HIGH PRIEST OF THE DEVIANTS!


THAT'S THENA'S CRYSTAL OF CONTACT! WARLORD KRO OF LEMURIA CARRIES ITS MATE!

AND IN THE HIDDEN KINGDOM OF LEMURIA BENEATH THE PACIFIC OCEAN...

WE'LL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY OUR ENEMIES ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WITH BOTH THENA AND SERSI AS OUR CAPTIVES, WE CAN'T FAIL!

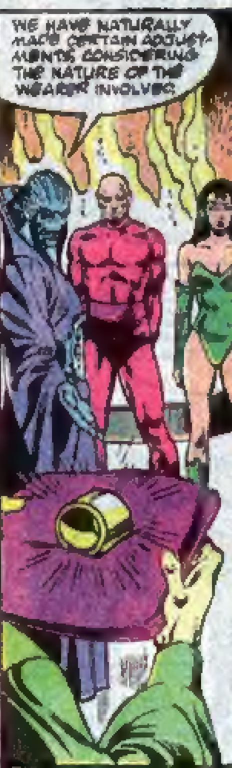
AND SERSI WILL HELP US... WILLINGLY!

I'LL SHOW YOU A SECRET, KRO! THE LATEST MIRACLE FROM THE LABORATORIES OF THE PRIESTS!

NORMALLY, WE USE THESE DEVICES ON RECALCITRANT CITIZENS.





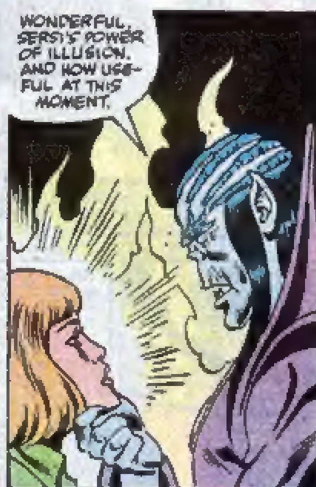


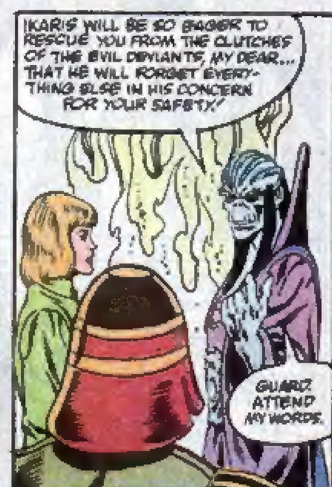



HERE, MY DEAR. LET ME REMOVE THIS UNSIGHTLY DEVICE.
NOW STEP FORWARD.


AND SERSI THE TERRIBLE BECOMES SERSI THE OBEDIENT.
YOU SEE, KRO, WE HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO KILL MARGO DAMIAN, THE LOVE OF IKARIS'S LIFE, A SHORT WHILE AGO.
BUT WE SHALL TURN THAT BIT OF ILL LUCK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.


IF YOU WOULD ASSUME MARGO'S LIKENESS, PLEASE?


WONDERFUL, SERSI'S POWER OF ILLUSION. AND HOW USEFUL AT THIS MOMENT.

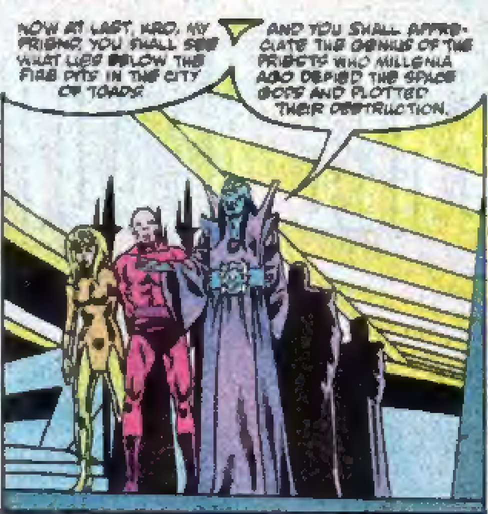

IKARIS WILL BE SO EAGER TO RESCUE YOU FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE EVIL DEVIANTS, MY DEAR... THAT HE WILL FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE IN HIS CONCERN FOR YOUR SAFETY!
GUARD. ATTEND MY WORDS.


AND A MOMENT LATER...
THE TRAP IS SET. SHE SHALL BE PARADED THROUGHOUT THE CITY...
...HER CAPTURE PROCLAIMED IN EVERY CORNER OF LEMURIA.

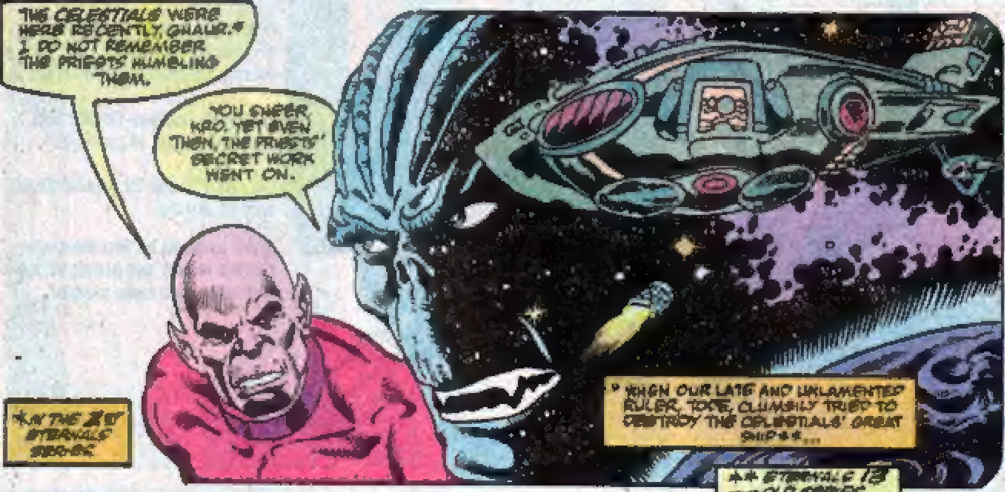

SOONER OR LATER, IKARIS WILL RUSH TO SAVE HER. WHEN HE DOES, THE TRAP WILL BE SPRUNG!
AND, AT LONG LAST, WE SHALL OUTLIVE OUR ANCIENT ENEMY!



AND IN OLYMPIA...
WHAT ARE WE STANDING AROUND HERE FOR? SERSI'S IN TROUBLE!
DAVID, WAIT!
A MOMENT, MR. CHATTERTON. GHAUR IS STILL TALKING!



NOW AT LAST, KRO, MY FRIEND, YOU SHALL SEE WHAT LIES BELOW THE FIRE PITS IN THE CITY OF TOADS.
AND YOU SHALL APPRECIATE THE GENIUS OF THE PRIESTS WHO MILLENIA AGO DEFIED THE SPACE GODS AND PLOTTED THEIR DESTRUCTION.



THE CELESTIALS WERE HERE RECENTLY, GHAUR.* I DO NOT REMEMBER THE PRIESTS HUMBLING THEM.
YOU SNEER, KRO. YET EVEN THEN, THE PRIESTS' SECRET WORK WENT ON.
"WHEN OUR LATE AND UNLAMENTED RULER, TODE, CLUMSILY TRIED TO DESTROY THE CELESTIALS' GREAT SHIP**...
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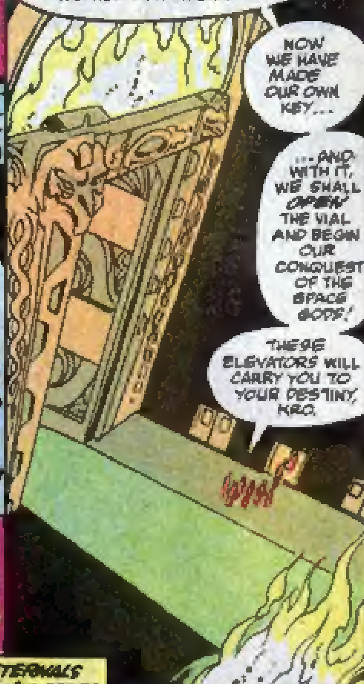


"...A TINY VESSEL MANNED BY PRIESTS ACTUALLY EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FOUND THE CELESTIALS' GREATEST SECRET...
"...A LIVING CRYSTAL OF ENERGY.



"THEY RELAYED THE CRYSTAL'S PRECISE CONFIGURATIONS BACK TO LEMURIA BEFORE THEIR TRANSMISSIONS CEASED...
"...AND OUR SCIENTISTS WERE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT AN EXACT FAC-SIMILIE!"


THANKS TO YOU, KRO, I HAVE OBTAINED A TREASURE FROM THE PYRAMID OF THE WINDS.*
IT IS THE MOST PRECIOUS OBJECT ON EARTH, FILLED WITH THE ENERGY OF THE GREATEST CELESTIAL OF ALL...
...THE NAMELESS CELESTIAL WHO REBELLED AGAINST HIS BROTHERS AND WAS CAST DOWN.


THE SPACE GODS TOOK HIS LIFE ESSENCE, SEALED IT IN THIS VIAL WITH A CRYSTAL KEY, AND TOOK THE KEY WITH THEM.
NOW WE HAVE MADE OUR OWN KEY...
...AND WITH IT, WE SHALL OPEN THE VIAL AND BEGIN OUR CONQUEST OF THE SPACE GODS!
THESE ELEVATORS WILL CARRY YOU TO YOUR DESTINY, KRO.
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THE SOUND'S CUT OFF! THEY MUST HAVE GONE BEHIND SOME KIND OF SHIELDING!
WE'VE GOT TO WARN IKARIS!
THEN IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU'LL GET YOUR WISH TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT, DAVID.


NEITHER KARKAS NOR I CAN LEAVE OUR POSTS HERE IN OLYMPIA, BUT I CAN TELEPORT YOU TO LEMURIA...
...AND IN THESE ROBES YOU MAY PASS FOR A DEVIANT LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUR FRIENDS.
BE WARY. THE DEVIANTS MAY DETECT THE ENERGY OF YOUR ARRIVAL.


THIS MONITOR WILL HELP YOU LOCATE IKARIS.
AND DAVID, IF YOU SHOULD SEE THENA, PLEASE HELP IKARIS BRING HER HOME.
HOW COME YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT HER IN PARTICULAR?


SHE IS MY DAUGHTER.
I'M ON MY WAY.
SHRISSK!

BUT AS DAVE CHATTERTON FADES FROM SIGHT, A LONE DEVIANT IS WAKING UP IN LEMURIA.

SHE HAS A SPLITTING HEADACHE BUT IS OTHERWISE NONE THE WORSE FOR WEAR.

WHAT... WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ESCORTED BY THE POLICE TO THE GREAT TEMPLE WHEN SUDDENLY EVERYTHING WENT DARK.

SOMEHOW, I HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM WHATEVER FATE THE PRIESTS HAD PLANNED FOR ME.*

BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW? WHERE CAN I GO?

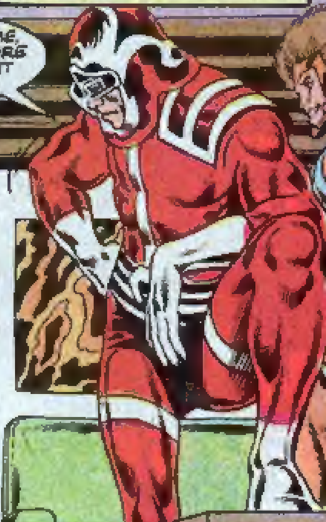
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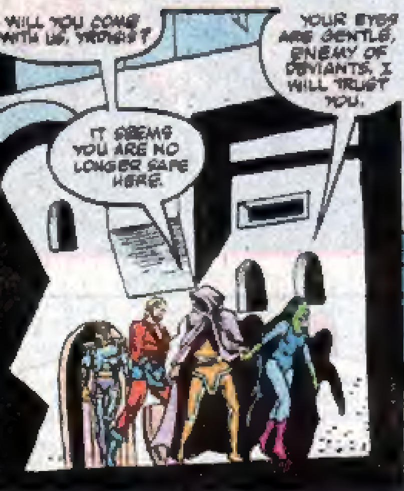


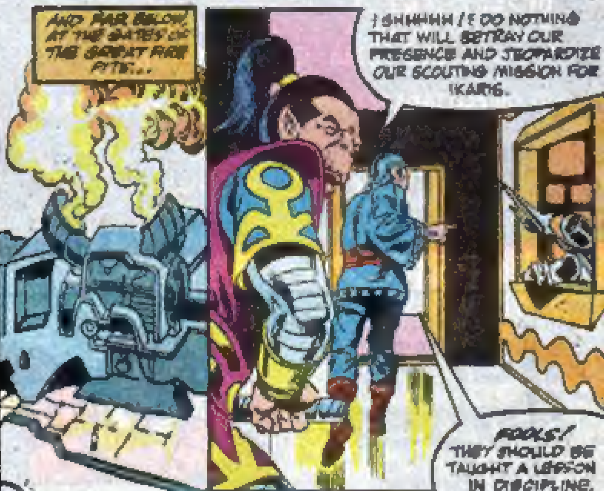





I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THAT THE ETERNALS WERE MY ENEMIES.
BUT MY OWN PEOPLE WOULD HAVE CARRIED ME OFF. AND YOU OFFER ME SANCTUARY.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.
KHORYPHOS. AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, IKARIS AND MAKKARI.


OUR TIME IS ABOUT UP, KHORY. WE'D BEST HEAD BACK TO THE RENDEZVOUS AND SEE WHAT THE OTHERS HAVE LEARNED.
VERY WELL. A TOUCH OF MY MUSIC WILL RESTORE YOUR DEVIANT DISGUISES.


WILL YOU COME WITH US, YROIKS?
IT SEEMS YOU ARE NO LONGER SAFE HERE.
YOUR EYES ARE GENTLE, ENEMY OF DEVIANTS. I WILL TRUST YOU.

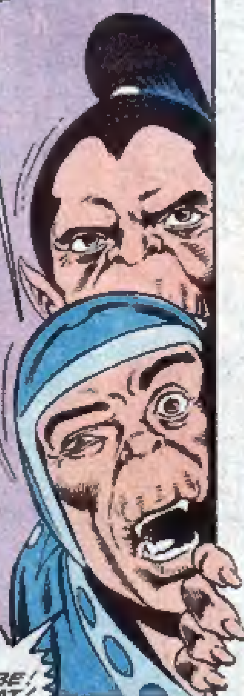

AND FAR BELOW, AT THE GATES OF THE GREAT FIRE PITS...
SHHHHH! DO NOTHING THAT WILL BETRAY OUR PRESENCE AND JEOPARDIZE OUR SCOUTING MISSION FOR IKARIS.
FOOLS! THEY SHOULD BE TAUGHT A LESSON IN DISCIPLINE.

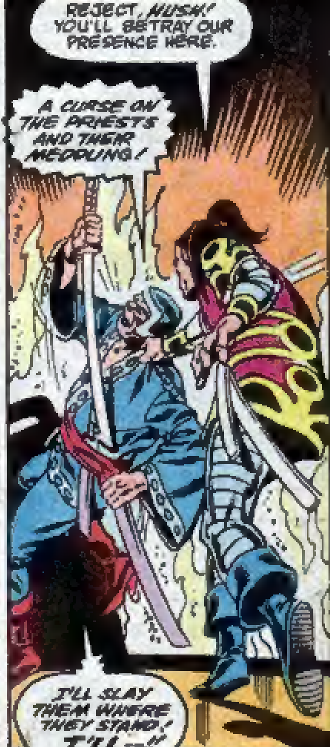

WHY BE ALERT ON GUARD DUTY HERE, REJECT? WHO WOULD COME TO THE FIRE PITS?
THE GENETICALLY UNFIT ARE EXECUTED IN THIS PLACE. THE LIVING HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.


BUT THE PRIESTS RUN THIS PLACE AND WE SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTS.
WE HAVE A LITTLE TIME LEFT.
WE'LL EXPLORE THE LOWEST LEVELS OF THE PITS BEFORE WE RETURN TO MEET IKARIS AND THE OTHERS.


I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS FAR DOWN BEFORE, KINGO.
NO DEVIANT IS EVER ALLOWED INTO THE HALLS OF ASHES WHERE THE BURNED MUTATES ARE DISPOSED OF.


THEY SAY THAT THE GHOSTS OF --!


WHAT'S THIS?
IT CAN'T BE! NOT THAT!


REJECT, HUSH! YOU'LL BETRAY OUR PRESENCE HERE.
A CURSE ON THE PRIESTS AND THEIR MEDDLING!
I'LL SLAY THEM WHERE THEY STAND! I'LL --!!


YOU'LL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT!
SOMETIMES, REJECT, I DESPAIR OF YOUR EVER LEARNING THE WISDOM OF RESTRAINT.
KLIPP!


BY THE BOLTS OF ZURAS! SURELY MY EYES DECEIVE ME!

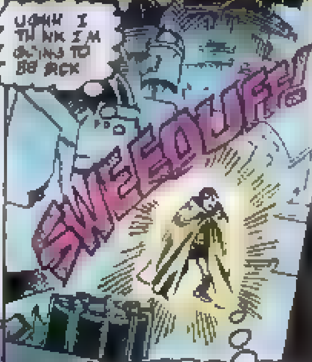

BUT AS KINGO STANDS AGHAST, A DEVIANT IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY OF TOADS WALKS THE DIRTY STREETS ALONE...
...OR SO HE THOUGHT.


GAK!

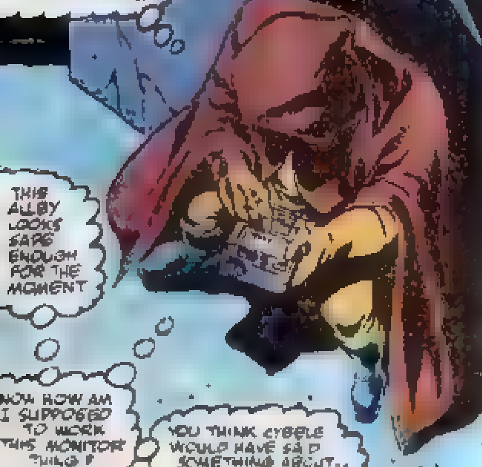

SPEAK, YOU DEVIANT DOG. AND SPEAK QUICKLY! WHERE IS GHAUR?
WH- WHAT?
GHAUR, DOG. WHERE IS HE NOW?
HOW SHOULD I KNO--!!!


KR NCH!
THIS IS POINTLESS!


THE MAIN TEMPLE IS WHERE I'LL HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWERS I WANT

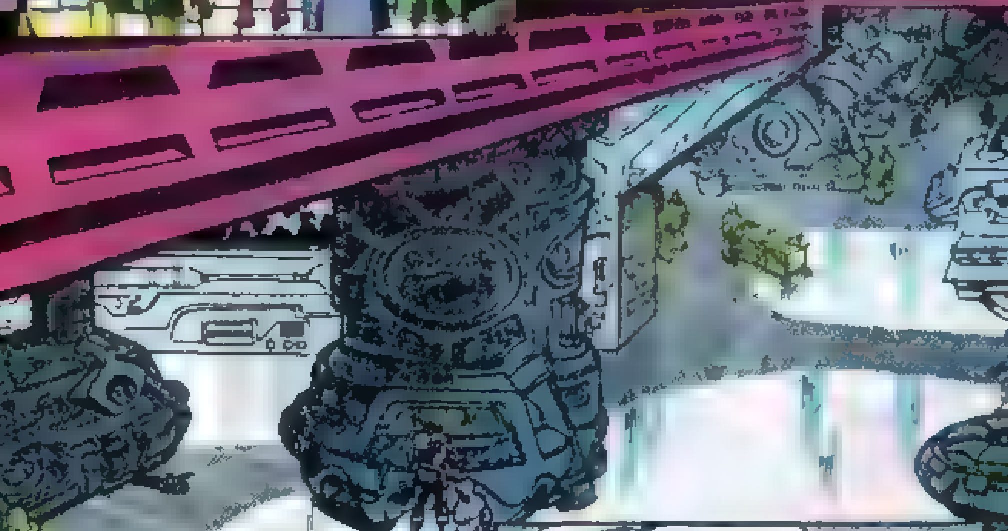

AND AS THE DISGUISED FORGOTTEN ONE MOVES INTO THE SHADOWS
UGHH I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK
SWEEOUFF!
WHY DIDN'T CYBELE WARN ME HOW AWFUL TELEPORTING WAS GOING TO FEEL?


AND WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING HERE ANYWAY?
I'D BETTER GET MOVING BEFORE I ATTRACT SOMEBODY'S ATTENTION!

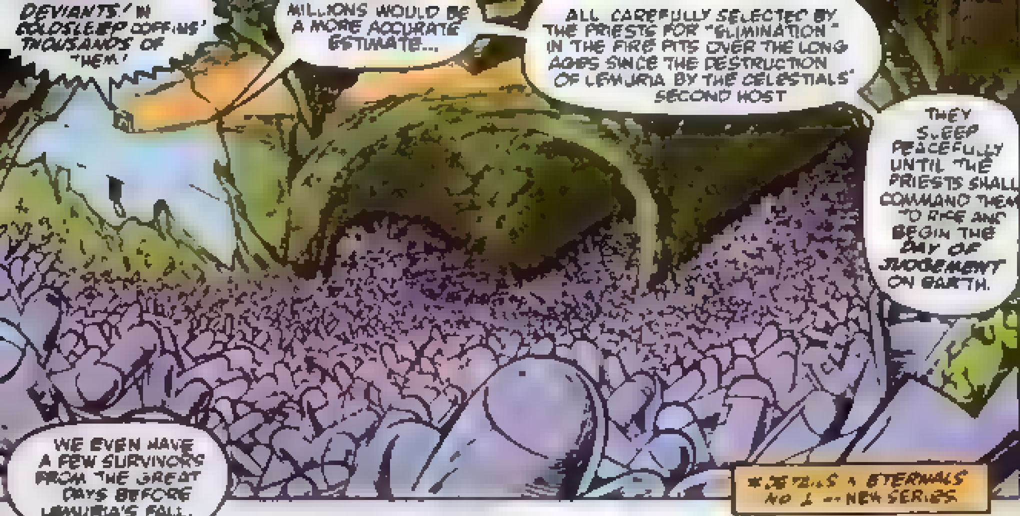

WHAT A CRUMMY LOOKING PLACE.
THIS ALLEY LOOKS SAFE ENOUGH FOR THE MOMENT
NOW HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO WORK THIS MONITOR THING?
YOU THINK CYBELE WOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT...

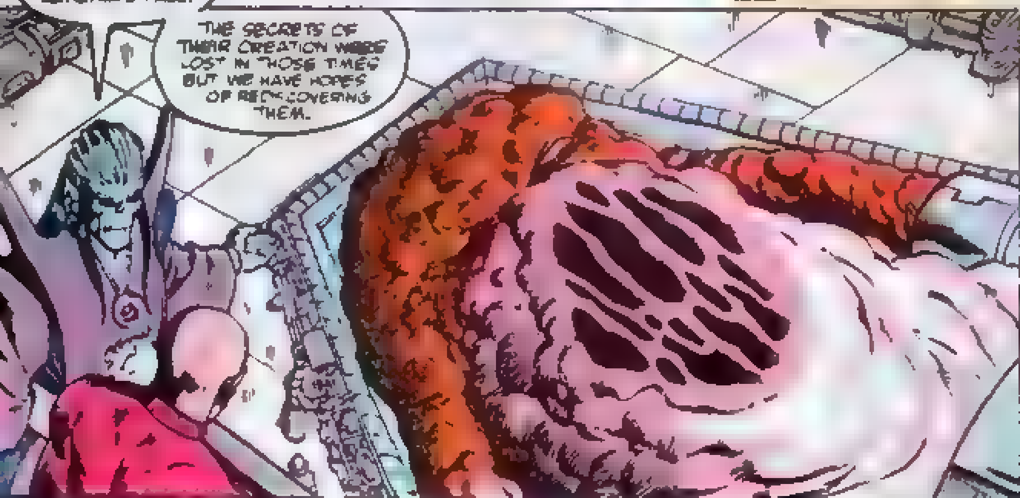

WAITAMINNIT! IT'S LIGHTING UP.
AND IT'S POINTING IN THAT DIRECTION!

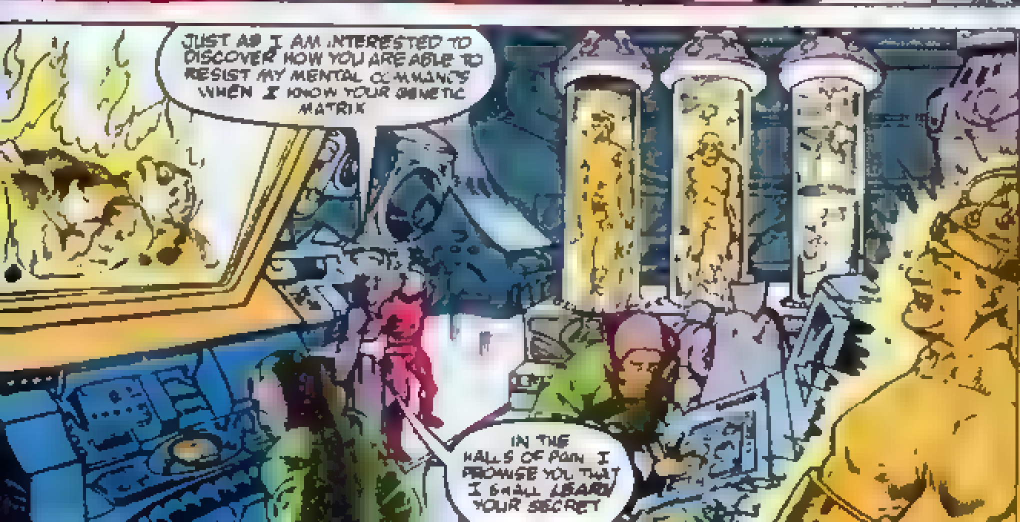

MEANWHILE
WELCOME, KRO, TO THE SECRET LABORATORIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS.

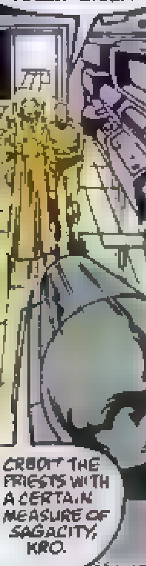

YOU GAZE AT THE HIDDEN THRONE OF LEMURIA.
IT IS FROM THESE CHAMBERS THAT THE RULE OF THE DEVIANTS IS CONDUCTED


NOW LET ME SHOW YOU YOUR NEW HOME


DEVIANTS! IN COLDSLEEP COFFINS! THOUSANDS OF THEM!
MILLIONS WOULD BE A MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATE...
ALL CAREFULLY SELECTED BY THE PRIESTS FOR "ELIMINATION" IN THE FIRE PITS OVER THE LONG AGES SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF LEMURIA BY THE CELESTIALS' SECOND HOST
THEY SLEEP PEACEFULLY UNTIL THE PRIESTS SHALL COMMAND THEM TO RISE AND BEGIN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT ON EARTH.

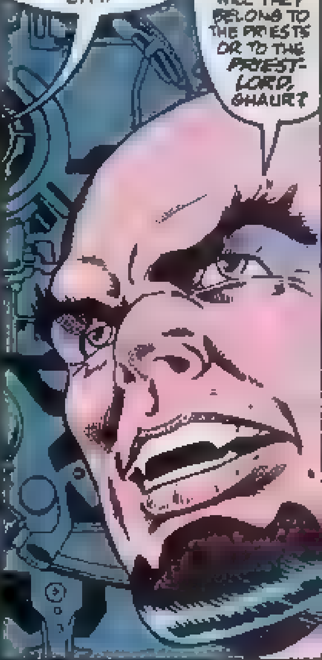

WE EVEN HAVE A FEW SURVIVORS FROM THE GREAT DAYS BEFORE LEMURIA'S FALL.
THE SECRETS OF THEIR CREATION WERE LOST IN THOSE TIMES BUT WE HAVE HOPES OF REDISCOVERING THEM.
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JUST AS I AM INTERESTED TO DISCOVER HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO RESIST MY MENTAL COMMANDS WHEN I KNOW YOUR GENETIC MATRIX
IN THE HALLS OF PAIN I PROMISE YOU THAT I SHALL LEARN YOUR SECRET

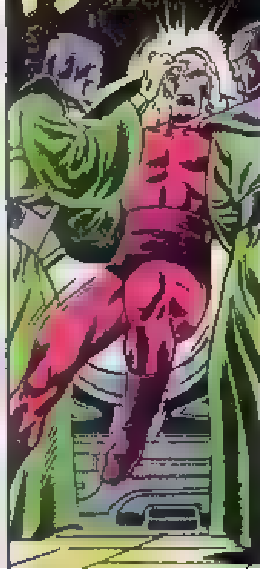

DO YOU EXPECT YOUR ARMY OF SLEEPING DEVIANTS TO BE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR WAKING THEM UP THAT THEY WILL FLOCK TO YOUR BANNER VOLUNTARILY?
CREDIT THE PRIESTS WITH A CERTAIN MEASURE OF SAGACITY, KRO.

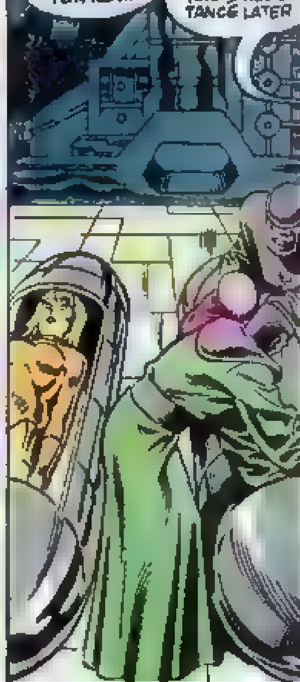

I DOUBT THAT THE SLEEPERS WOULD SEE THE WISDOM OF OUR PLANS FOR THEM.
SO WE HAVE TAKEN CERTAIN LIBERTIES.
THE TECHNOLOGY THAT PRODUCED SERSI'S BRACELET BEGAN IN THESE LABS.
CATAPHRAX*!
* FROM ETERNALS 1-- NEW SERIES.


SLEEPING PEACEFULLY UNTIL WE CAN CALL HIM AND WHILE HE SLEEPS, HIS BRAIN IS BEING WIPED CLEAN OF ALL THOUGHTS, ALL PERSONALITY.
ONCE THE SLATE IS CLEAN, NEW THOUGHTS WILL BE INDELIBLY IMPRESSED UPON THE CORTEX OF HIS BRAIN.


TOTAL INDOCTRINATION AT THE COST OF A FEW PENNIES WORTH OF ELECTRICITY.
WHEN HE AND MILLIONS OF OTHERS AWAKEN, WILL THEY BELONG TO THE PRIESTS OR TO THE PRIEST-LORD, GHAUR?


MY VOICE IS THE VOICE OF THE PRIESTS, KRO!
GUARDS!!


FSSAPT

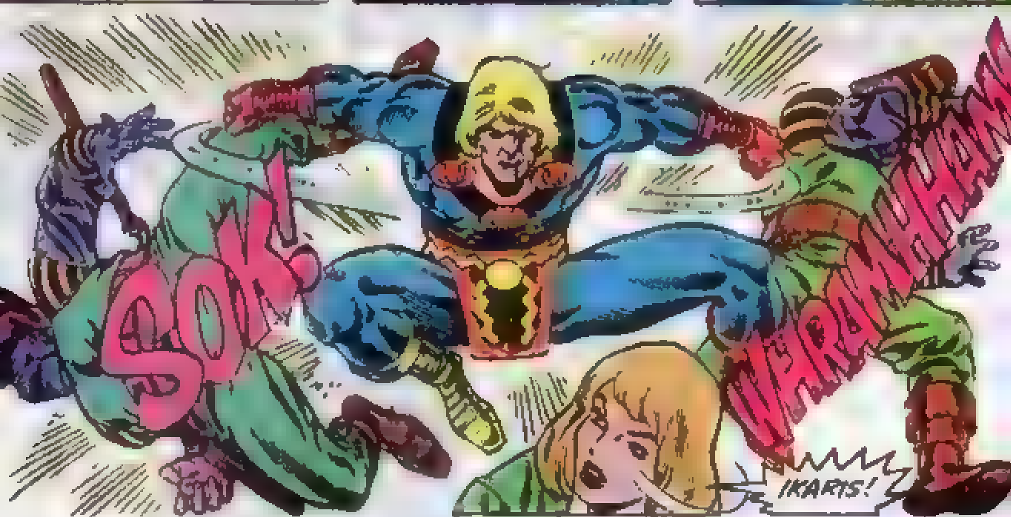

LEAVE THEM UNFROZEN IN THE COFFINS FOR NOW.
WE SHALL UNLOCK THE SECRET OF KRO'S RESISTANCE LATER

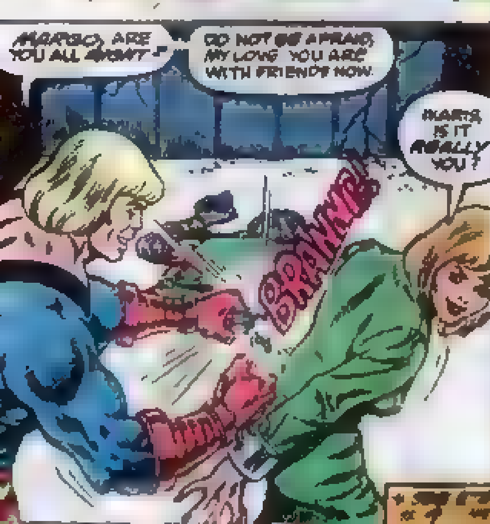

THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ASSUME THE MANTLE OF HEAVEN
AND WALK THE CELESTIAL TRAIL.

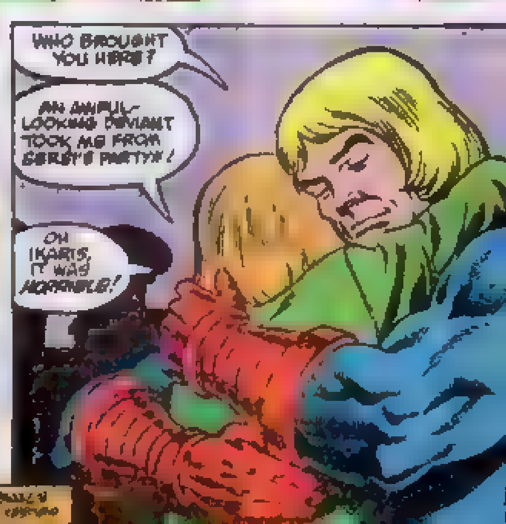

MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE ON THE STREETS OUTSIDE
IKARIS, THERE'S A GUARD DETAIL COMING.
BETTER GET INTO THE SHADOWS!

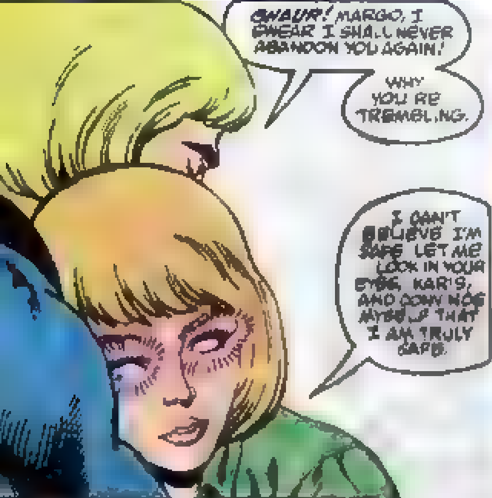

THOSE ARE THE ONES WHO WOULD HAVE TAKEN ME TO THE TEMPLE OF THE PRIESTS!
AND THEY'RE ESCORTING AN ORDINARY HUMAN

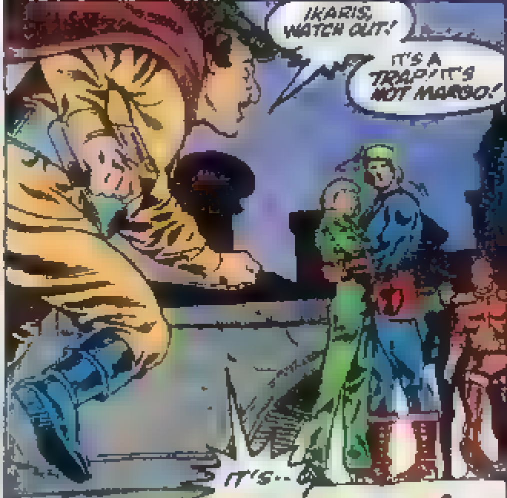

MARGO!!
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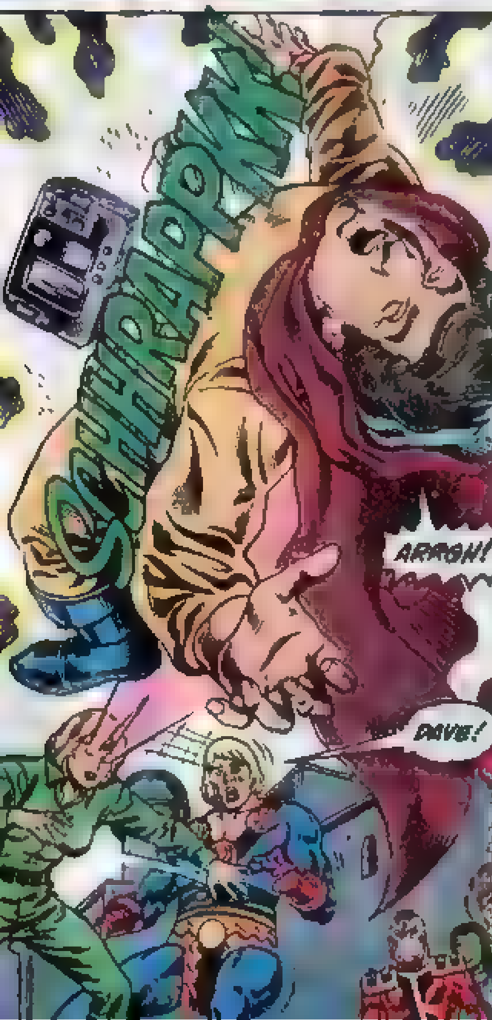

SOK!
IKARIS!

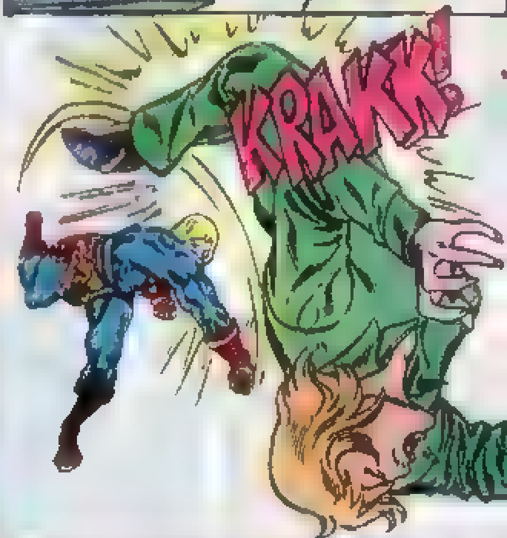

MARGO, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DO NOT BE AFRAID, MY LOVE. YOU ARE WITH FRIENDS NOW.
IKARIS, IS IT REALLY YOU?


WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE?
AN AWFUL-LOOKING DEVIANT TOOK ME FROM SERSI'S PARTY!!
OH IKARIS, IT WAS HORRIBLE!

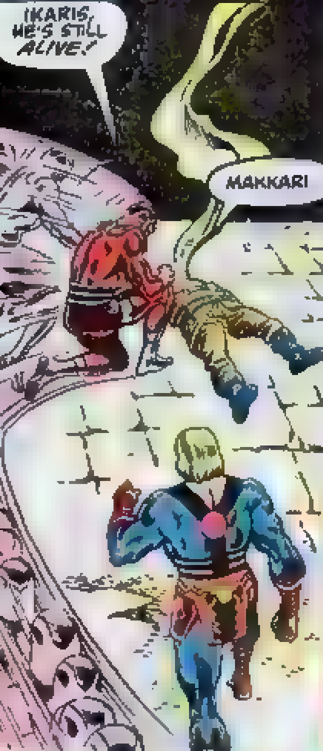

SHAUR! MARGO, I SWEAR I SHALL NEVER ABANDON YOU AGAIN!
WHY YOU'RE TREMBLING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAFE. LET ME LOOK IN YOUR EYES, IKARIS, AND CONVINCE MYSELF THAT I AM TRULY SAFE.


IKARIS, WATCH OUT!
IT'S A TRAP! IT'S NOT MARGO!
IT'S...

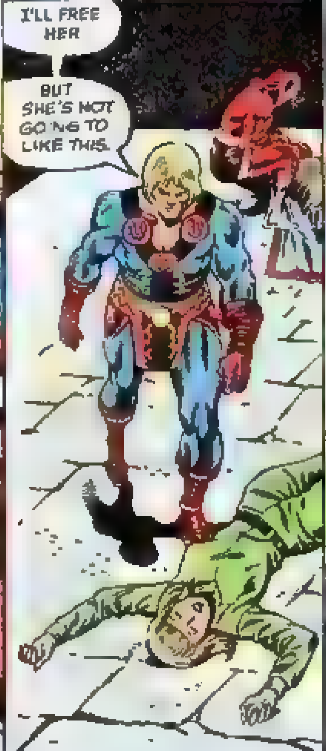

ARRGH!
DAVE!

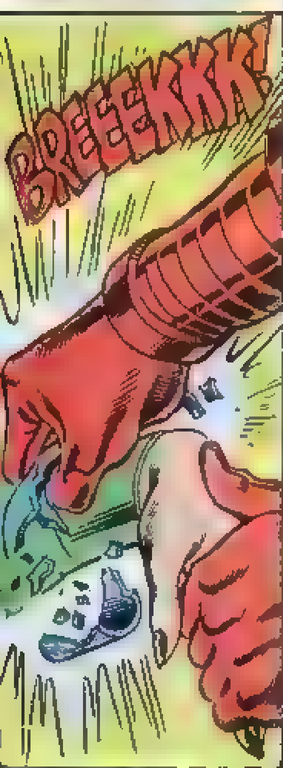

KRAKK!




IKARIS, HE'S STILL ALIVE!
MAKKARI

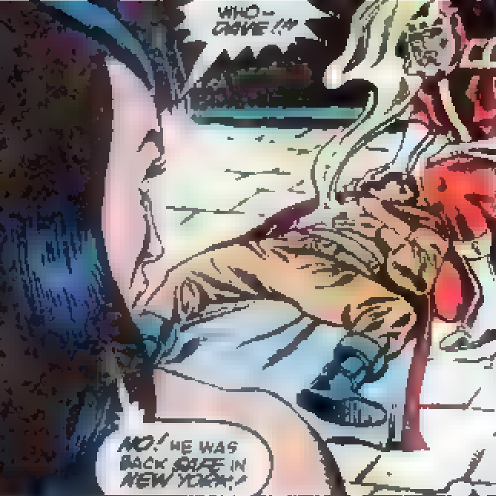

GHAUR'S OPENING THE VIAL..
CELESTIAL ENERGY INSIDE..
MARGO. SHE'S SERSI. DESTROY HER BRACELET...


I'LL FREE HER
BUT SHE'S NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS.


BREEEKKK!


SERSI, SERSI!!! WAKE UP!
OHHHH


IKARIS, YOU BONEHEAD! QUIT RATTLING ME. IS THAT REALLY YOU?
WHAT'S HAPPENED? THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS SITTING BEFORE GHAUR.
THE WAR HAS CLAIMED ANOTHER CASUALTY, DANCER.


WHO-- DAVE!?!
NO! HE WAS BACK SAFE IN NEW YORK!

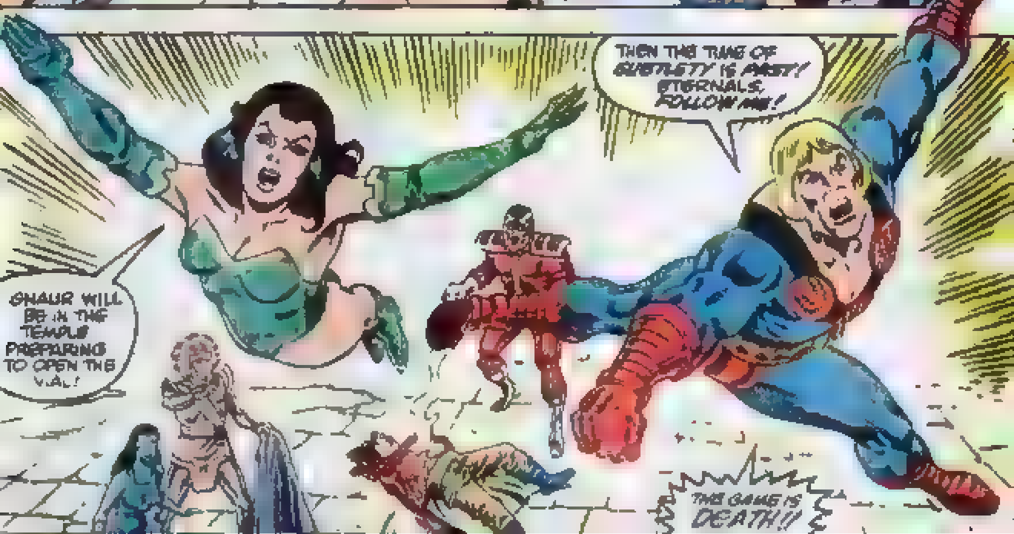

DAVE!
SERSI DEVIANTS KILLED MARGO.
TELL IKARIS.
SERSI, I LOVE
DAVE!


HE'S GONE, SERSI, AND IF YOU HADN'T
LATER, MAKKARI. LATER!
HE DIED SAVING US FROM A DEVIANT TRAP, SERSI.

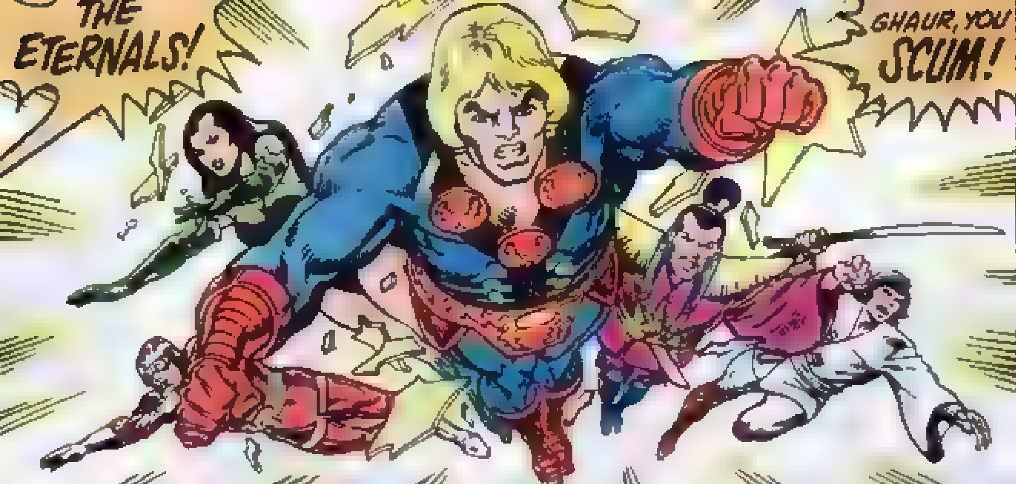

HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT FROM ETERNALS. WHEN THEY PLAY THE LIFE AND DEATH GAMES, THEY GET BROKEN.
IT ISN'T LIKE US.
SPARE ME THE LECTURES, IKARIS!

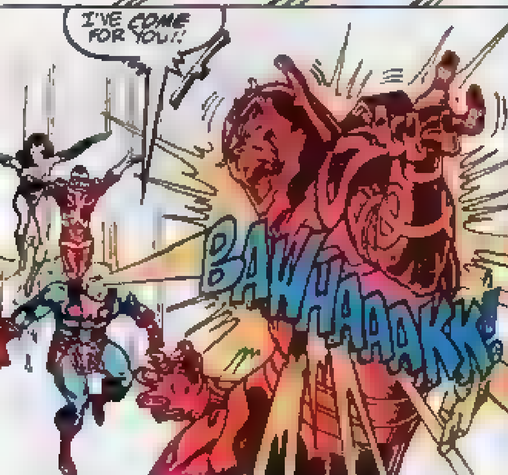

I KNOW WHAT THE GAMES ARE LIKE! MARGO DAMIAN HAS ALREADY PAID THE FULL PRICE!
WHAT?!!

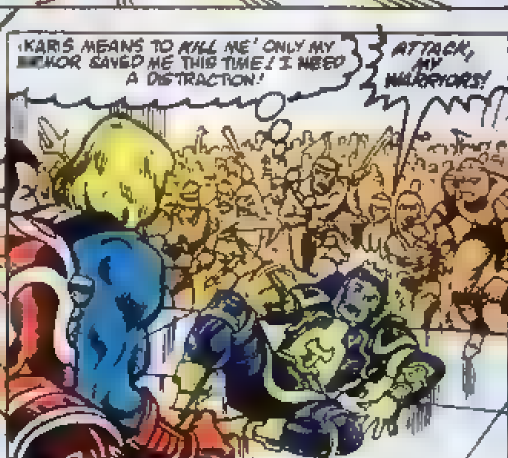

THE DEVIANTS HAVE SLAIN HER!
MARGO!


THEN THE TIME OF SUBTLETY IS PAST! ETERNALS, FOLLOW ME!
GHAUR WILL BE IN THE TEMPLE PREPARING TO OPEN THE VIAL!
THE GAME IS DEATH!!

AND AT THAT INSTANT, IN THE TEMPLE OF THE PRIESTS.
AT LAST THE WAITING IS DONE
THE STARS ARE IN THEIR APPOINTED ORBITS AND THE CRYSTAL IS PREPARED.
IS IT TRUE LORD GHAUR? HAS THE TIME COME TO CONFRONT THE SPACE GODS AT LAST?
TODAY, THITTEX, YOU WILL WALK AMONG THE STARS WITH ME
THE CELESTIALS HAVE EVER BEEN OUR INSPIRATION, LORDING IT OVER THE HEAVENS AND WALKING THEIR S[redacted]ET [redacted]THS IN CONTEMPT OF THOSE WHO GROVEL BENEATH THEIR NOTICE.
HOW WE HAVE LUSTED TO STAND AND STRIKE THE SPACE GODS WHO DESPISED US!
THE MOMENT IS NOW.
MY BROTHERS, HEAR ME!
LONG HAVE WE WORSHIPPED THE DREAMING CELESTIAL! TODAY WE WILL SEE HIS DREAMS MADE *FLESH*.
WE SALUTE THE IMAGE OF HIM WHO CHOSE THE SHADOWED WAY. FOR *WE* ARE HIS CHILDREN.
HE AND *NOT* HIS BROTHERS FASHIONED OUR CLAY AND GAVE US OUR SOULS
AND FOR THIS "CRIME," HE WAS CAST DOWN!
AND HIS NAME OBLITERATED!
ON THE ALTAR BEFORE ME IS POWER. *HIS* POWER!
WITH IT, WE SHALL SMITE THE HATED SPACE GODS AND TAKE OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE LIGHT!
VANITY, VANITY. *ALL* IS VANITY, GHAUR.
THOUGH YOU WEAR CELESTIAL ARMOR, YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SHOW YOUR FACE
I SUSPECT YOU MIGHT BETTER HAVE REMAINED ANONYMOUS THEN AVOW THIS HERESY OPENLY.
THE HEAT OF MY BURNING HAND WILL ACTIVATE THE CRYSTAL
WHEN IT SINGS, A NEW CELESTIAL SHALL BE BORN.
STRANGE. I HEAR A NOTE LIKE THE WIND BEYOND THE STAINED GLASS IMAGE OF THE DREAMING ONE.
COULD HE BE SPEAKING TO ME AS I STAND HERE ABOUT TO UNLEASH HIS ESSENCE AND CLAIM IT FOR MY OWN?


THE ETERNALS!
GHAUR, YOU SCUM!


I'VE COME FOR YOU!!
BAWHAAAKK!


IKARIS MEANS TO KILL ME! ONLY MY ARMOR SAVED ME THIS TIME! I NEED A DISTRACTION!
ATTACK, MY WARRIORS!


FOOL GHAUR! YOUR LIFE IS MINE AND NO ARMY OF DEVIANTS WILL SAVE YOU NOW!
BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU HAD NEVER SET EYES ON MARGO!

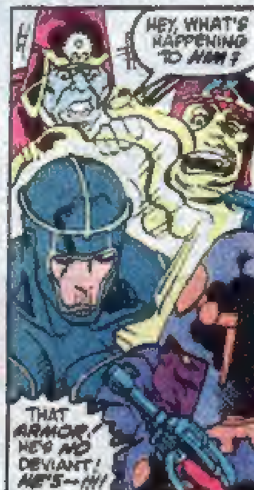

AS FOR YOU YOU REPTILES, SNAKES YOU ARE AND SNAKES YOU SHALL EVER BE!
DAVE CHATTERTON WAS WORTH MORE THAN THE LIVES OF EVERY DEVIANT WHO EVER LIVED!
YOU SHALL PAY A THOUSANDFOLD FOR HIS DEATH!

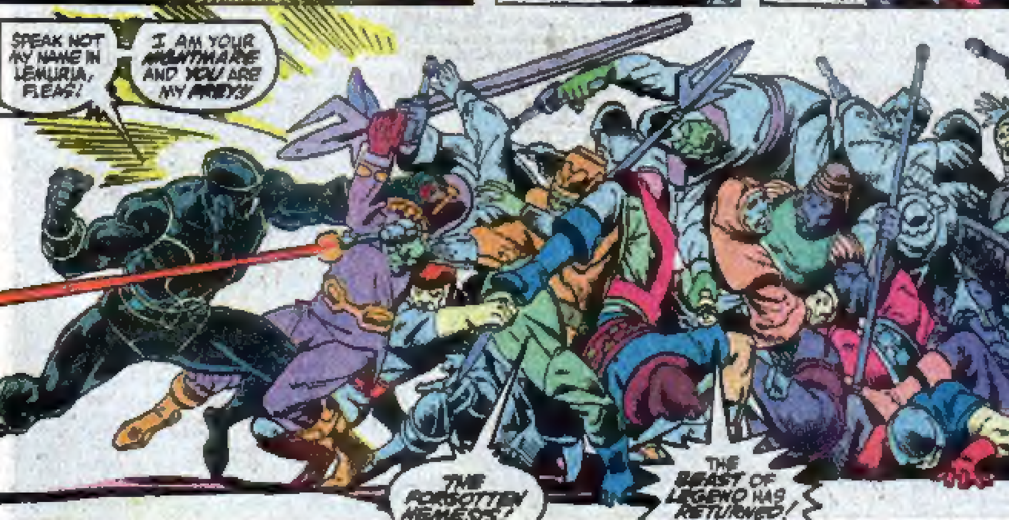

AND THOUGH THE FURY OF IKARIS AND SERSI IS UNWATCHED BY ANY IN THE HALL...
...THEY DO NOT FIGHT ALONE!
SCHOOOOOSHHH!
I HOPE IKARIS WAS WISE TO CHOOSE THE BATTLEGROUND IN THE DEVIANTS' HOMELAND!
BUT WHO COULD BLAME HIM?


COME ONE, COME ALL, BROTHERS!
REJECT LIVES FOR THE KILLING!
KRRAKK!

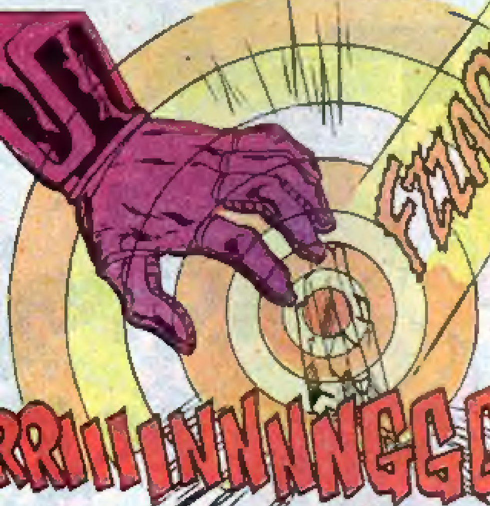

SCHRANNGG!


AND IN THE HALLS OF THE TEMPLE BEYOND THE ALTAR...
MOVE IT, DOGS!
WE'LL SHOW THESE ETERNALS THAT WE CAN...


HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?
THAT ARMOR! HE'S NO DEVIANT! HE'S--!!!


SPEAK NOT MY NAME IN LEMURIA, FLEAS!
I AM YOUR NIGHTMARE AND YOU ARE MY PREY!
THE FORGOTTEN NEMESIS!
THE BEAST OF LEGEND HAS RETURNED!

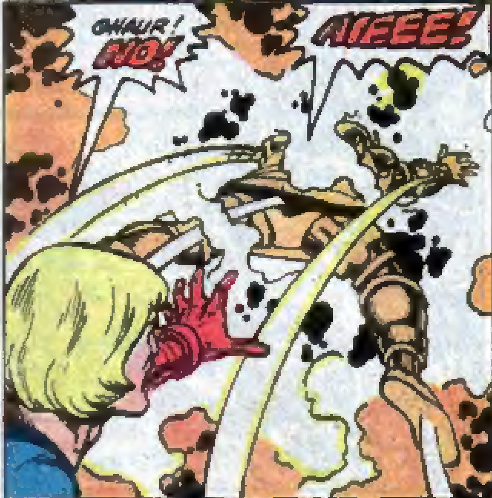

THEY FIGHT LIKE MADMEN!
THOUGH WE OUTNUMBER THEM TEN THOUSAND TO ONE, THEY MAY YET WIN THROUGH AND MY LIFE BE FORFEIT!
THAT MUST NOT BE!
NO TIME TO REACH GHAUR AND HE CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO ACTIVATE THE CRYSTAL KEY!
IT HAS TO BE DESTROYED!
FZZAPPPPPPTTT!


BUT INSTEAD OF DISINTEGRATING...
MY SKULL IS SPLITTING!!
RRIIIINNNNGGGGGIIIRIINGG


SCHRACKK!
OH, NO!

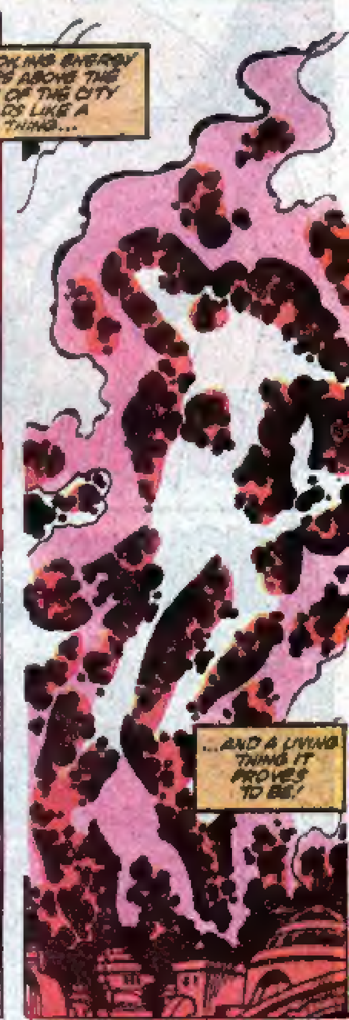

A CELESTIAL PLASMA FIELD'S BEING CREATED BEFORE OUR EYES!
STAND BACK!
WHAT..?


GHAUR!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
THE DEVIANTS' DREAM CAN STILL BE REALIZED!


GHAUR! NO!
AIEEE!


PPRACCKKLE!
GET BACK, EVERYONE! THE FIELD GROWS WITH EVERY PAS-SING SECOND!
AND THREATENS TO CONSUME US ALL!


THE BOXING ENERGY WRITHES ABOVE THE ROOFS OF THE CITY OF TOADS LIKE A LIVING THING...


...AND A LIVING THING IT PROVES TO BE!



NEXT

THE DEAD ARISE! THE DEVIANTS ATTACK OLYMPIA! KRO'S GREATEST SACRIFICE! THE WEST COAST AVENGERS! THE MIGHTY THOR! THERE'S EVEN A TINY CAMEO BY CAPTAIN AMERICA! WE'VE GOT SO MUCH STUFF TO TELL, WE HAVE TO USE A DOUBLE-SIZED ISSUE!! BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR...

THE DREAMER UNDER THE MOUNTAIN!!